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Skull-faced robber lay in wait in dark lot

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ARCATA — The manager of Arcata's Pacific Outfitters store was robbed at gunpoint Tuesday night, Dec. 22 at shortly after the store's 8 p.m. closure.

According to store owner Aaron Ostrom, store manager Josh Heckman was getting in his car in the city parking lot across the street from the store.

On closing the car door, a man dressed in black with a camouflage jacket and wearing a skull mask "stiff-armed" the door open, displayed a firearm and demanded Heckman's backpack, wallet, phone and keys.

"He thinks [the robber] was hiding behind the car," Ostrom said.

The items were surrendered and the robber left southbound on G Street. The phone and wallet were later recovered from a porch on South G Street.

The store's receipts for the day were in the backpack. Ostrom declined to specify the amount of the loss, but given the bustling holiday shopping season, it was substantial.

Arcata Police are pursuing what Chief Tom Chapman called "a couple of viable leads."

Heckman had to have his car towed.

Machete mysteries

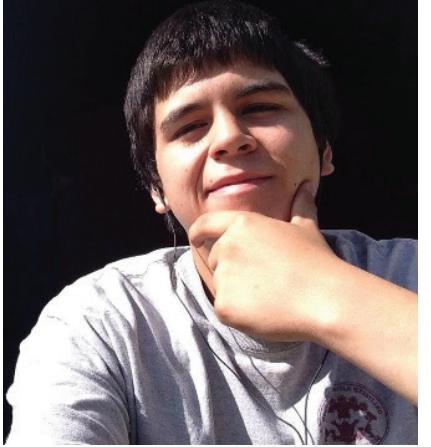


WIND AND WUTHERING

Heavy gusts of wind last week took a toll on barns, trees and whatever was underneath them at the time. Top, two historic Arcata Bottom barns on Old Samoa Road bore the brunt of bay winds, and fell to earth. Middle, a tree took out a truck at Beau Pre Golf Course in McKinleyville. Bottom, a fallen tree destroyed a car on Lost Avenue and Wolf Road in McKinleyville. This week's weather is forecast to include much less wuthering and mostly sunshine with nighttime temperatures dropping into the thirties. More wind photos, page A8. TOP PHOTO BY TED HALSTEAD; MIDDLE PHOTO BY ROSE E. DANA; BOTTOM PHOTO COURTESY ERIK BURMAN



Officer released with 'life-changing' injuries as Hoopa mourns teen



Richard Frederick Tis Mil Estrada.
FACEBOOK PHOTO

Paul Mann

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WILLOW CREEK — California Highway Patrol Officer Tim Gray, hacked in a vicious machete assault in Willow Creek, will require a long rehabilitation from his wounds.

"He has a long way to go," said CHP Sgt. Mike Campbell. "It's undetermined whether he will be able to return to work. It's going to take months."

Campbell said a fundraising initiative might be organized to help Gray defray the high costs of prolonged rehabilitation, but arrangements would have to be worked out and no plans had been laid as the week closed with the Christmas break.

INCIDENT **A2**

Arcata's budget reform to refashion City Hall, gov't



ORG CHART City Manager Karen Diemer. KLH | UNION

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ARCATA — Arcata's new General Fund Budget Task Force is up and running.

With a huge structural

deficit looming, coming months will see a parade of City Hall department heads explaining their use of public money in unprec-

ARCATA **A2**

Climate change will hit hard on local roads

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — The authors of a new study on the vulnerability of road infrastructure to climate change say impacts will happen more quickly than anticipated and need to be planned for now.

A final version of the study was presented in a public meeting held on Dec. 18 at Eureka City Hall. The vulnerability analysis is one of 16 being conducted statewide, substantially funded by the

Federal Highway Administration.

The work reflects a new approach to studying climate change. "A lot of the work, historically, has really been past-looking — what's happening behind us," said Rebecca Crow of the Eureka-based GHD engineering firm, which helmed the study. "We're really at a changing point in time in how we look at and evaluate data and we're starting to look forward, to project what the

CLIMATE **A3**

Gravel take could degrade Mad Riverbed, tapwater

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT — Heeding requests from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, the Board of Supervisors has changed draft General Plan Update language on the effects of gravel mining.

The district and two gravel mining operators met and hammered out mutually agreeable policy language just prior to the Dec. 15 update hearing.

The district objected to actions taken at an ear-

lier hearing. Following the recommendation of an attorney representing the miners, a majority of supervisors had agreed to delete policy language on preserving riverbed elevations. The miners believed the language was too general.

But at last week's hearing, Carol Rische, the water district's general manager, told supervisors that her agency wants assurance that its underground infrastructure won't be af-

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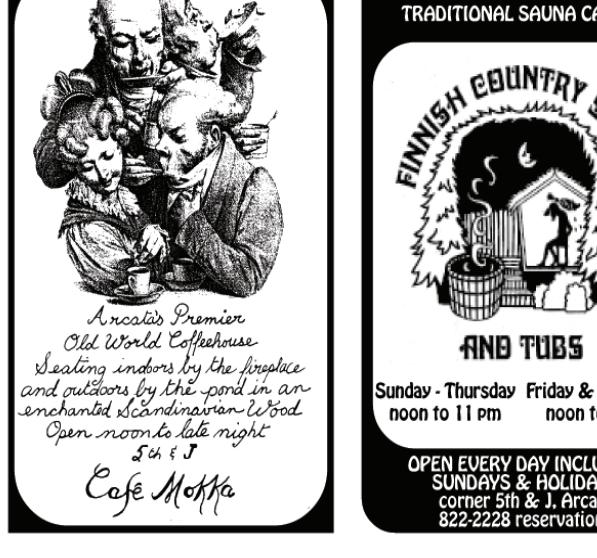
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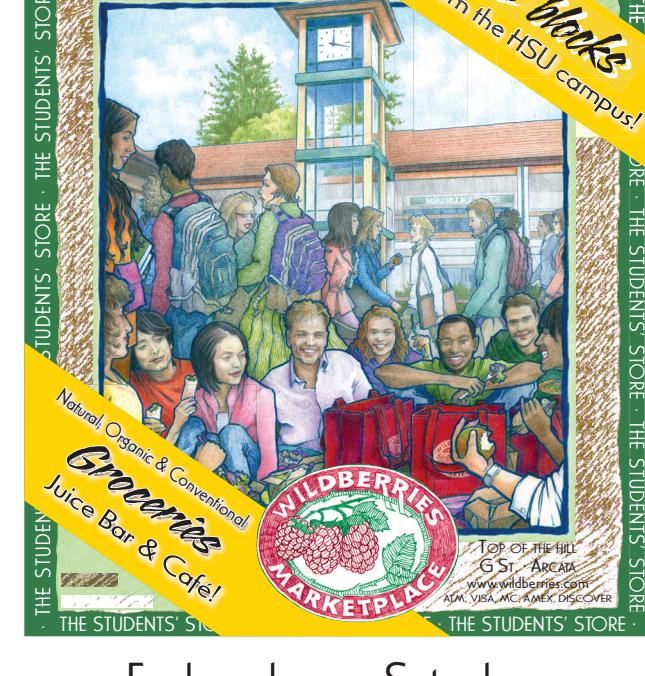
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Sewer disaster averted in Manila

UNION STAFF REPORT

MANILA – An electrical malfunction at a sewer lift station in Manila on Christmas Eve resulted in a urgent plea to residents to stop flushing their toilets and cease using the town's sewer system. As a result, the Manila Community Services District (MCSD) was able to avert what could have been a major sewer spill.

The problem began with a power outage caused by high winds on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The power went out at about 10 a.m. at the sewer lift station at the end of Lupin Avenue. Not a very Merry Christmas," Drop wrote.

"As designed, this caused our backup generator to provide backup power to the facility. Unfortunately, whatever caused the outage appears to have killed a nebulous component in our control panel that operates the pumps and alarms" wrote MCSD Manager Chris Drop in a message posted on Nextdoor Manila, a social networking site.

So although the district had backup power, the pump control panel was dead. Even as Pacific Gas & Electric was restoring power, the town's sewer system was unable to pump effluent uphill to the treatment ponds.

"Our wet well was rapidly reaching a flood condition and with an overflow imminent, we needed to take unprecedented action. Otherwise we would have had effluent flowing down Lupin Avenue. Not a very Merry Christmas," Drop wrote.

Residents were asked to stop using the sewer system. However, since some parts of town still had power, some pumps were automatically pumping effluent from the individual sewer storage tanks that are buried in each developed lot on town. With effluent continuing to flow into the system, the MCSD closed four valves and effectively shut down the system.

"Had residents ignored this plea, system pressure could have increased

to the point of individual tanks alarming, overflowing and eventually rendering internal plumbing kaput," Drop wrote.

An electrician was able to determine that a control module had failed and the sewer system was up and running again by the afternoon. Residents of the sandy outpost were free at last to flush their toilets, and it was good.

"This module relays instructions to our two pumps in order to cycle between them to balance wear. He advised that there was no way to predict that this module (of the five we use) would have failed," Drop wrote.

"This event will help us plan for an upgrade to further minimize the possibility that our system will ever be down again," Drop stated. "Staff wishes to THANK YOU for stopping sewer use during this event and please know that it was readily apparent that you did hear us."

Budget | Looking for ways to make major changes

FROM A1

edented detail.

The new task force met for the first time on Dec. 15, naming members and charting its course.

This year's City Council budget deliberations were an exercise in agonizing choices. Loss of redevelopment, emergency infrastructure repairs, medical and personnel costs and multiple other factors have all conspired to stress the budget.

Most of the \$30 million budget is dedicated program and other funds over which the city has no discretion. Even with a \$1.2 million reduction in the \$13.4 million General Fund's expenditures, the city had to tap reserves for \$39,000 to pay the bills.

That left reserves perilously low, at around 11 percent of the General Fund rather than the desired 20 percent. Deficits of \$641,000 and \$720,000 have been projected for the next two years, and the General Fund must absorb the blows.

The city already has two other groups overseeing aspects of its finances. The Oversight Board of the Successor Agency tracks the dissolution of redevelopment, with the city recently remanding \$1.3 million in redevelopment funds to the county. The Transactions and Use Tax Over-

sight Committee (TUTOC) monitors expenditures of the three-quarter cent sales tax increment approved by Arcata voters in 2008.

Now, the General Fund Budget Task Force will pore over Arcata's General Fund in microscopic detail looking for economies. A concurrent effort launched by new City Manager Karen Diemer will see the reorganization of City Hall's many departments, also with the aim of boosting efficiency and reducing costs.

The first meeting

City Finance Director Janet Luzzi, having served as city manager in recent months, has happily relinquished those duties to Diemer. Now, Luzzi is focusing on the task force, which was formed at her urging. She'll serve as staff liaison and synchronize its deliberations and products with this year's upcoming goal-setting and budget hearings.

Luzzi told the nascent taskforce about the hole in the city's finances. "We're looking to you folks to provide ideas and strategies to eliminate the structural deficit," she told them.

This is the third or fourth budget task force, Luzzi said, but with a difference. Previous groups were more advisory and political in nature, while this one is tasked with addressing a real and imminent problem

and finding solutions.

Fortunately, an able and eclectic queue of community volunteers stepped up to serve on the pivotal body. It includes nine members.

Community members on the task force are Kash Boodjeh, a local architect; Hollie Hall, a former CCAT director who owns a watershed management firm; Robin Hashem, who also serves on the TUTOC; Dan Hauser, former city councilmember and city manager; Phyllis Helligas, a former City of Sunnyvale employee with budget experience; Michael Machi, former city councilmember and current TUTOC member; Loretta Arbuckle, a city employee appointed by Operating Engineers Local No. 3 (OE3); Richard Bergstresser, an APD officer appointed by the Arcata Police Association, and David Loya, representing management and confidential employees. Saskia Burnett will serve as alternate OE3 appointee.

Hall was appointed vice chair, and Hashem, who wasn't present, was elected in absentia as chair.

The Task Force secretary is Kara Newman, the new administrative assistant in the City Manager's Office.

Diemer thanked members for devoting their time and expertise.

She told them that they had to "find ways to live

within our means." The city must address the financial shortfall even as it looks ahead to replace aging infrastructure.

Diemer asked the group to identify budget reductions and revenue enhancements the community can support. The task force's work will be augmented by public scoping, likely a budget-themed town hall meeting. Both could prove helpful in offering what Diemer called "outside ideas."

"I would really like to bring the CC a balanced budget this July first," Diemer said.

Directly across from the desk in Diemer's office stands a whiteboard festooned with magnets detailing the city's organizational chart.

She has initiated a structural review of every department, looking for "ways we can reduce positions, optimize services and merge positions."

The city presently employs 128 people, though seven positions are vacant and five more vacancies are anticipated through attrition.

"We realize that a lot of this will come down to personnel," Diemer said.

The General Fund Budget Task Force's next meeting is Monday, Jan. 12. It will feature initial budget presentations by Luzzi.

Incident | Autopsy results, officer injuries withheld

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Gray, a two-year CHP officer, was discharged last week from UC Davis Medical Center, a combined hospital and research facility. He was treated for arm, hand and face injuries of "a life-changing nature."

Authorities have declined to specify whether his eyesight, limbs or extremities will be impaired permanently. Officials declined to confirm rumors that he lost a finger or fingers.

The Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) is investigating the clash, which erupted in the early morning hours of Thursday, Dec. 18, and led to the gunshot death of 17-year-old Richard Frederick Tis Mil Estrada of Hoopa. CIRT is composed of officers from local law enforcement agencies.

Results of a forensic autopsy conducted Dec. 20 by the Humboldt County coroner are being withheld, including whether Estrada was intoxicated with alcohol or other drugs when the deadly skirmish erupted. No precipitating factor, if any, was reported in the immediate aftermath.

The teenager died at the scene on State Route 299 near Blue Jay Lane. According to CHP Capt. Adam Jager and Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey, Gray responded at about 1:35 a.m. from his home in Willow Creek to the collision of Estrada's vehicle with a telephone pole.

After summoning a tow truck, Gray accompanied the teenager to

the rear of his vehicle where, without warning, the youth brandished a machete and slashed Gray with it. Evidently taken completely by surprise, Gray raised his left arm, ducked to fend off the blows and fired as he slid to the ground, according to Jager's preliminary account.

Gray managed to get back to his patrol car where, partly blinded by severe lacerations, he radioed for help and locked himself inside. Jager did not say whether Gray lapsed into shock as he waited some 10 minutes for help to arrive.

At the same time, the fatally wounded Estrada got back into his vehicle and sat honking the horn and throwing undisclosed objects out of it.

CHP spokesman Campbell declined to reveal how or where Estrada concealed the machete on his person as he exited his vehicle for his lethal rendezvous with Gray. Up to the instant of the allegedly unprovoked attack, Estrada's demeanor was normal, Jager reported.

When a backup Willow Creek officer arrived, he found the combative youth lying next to his vehicle, nude. Jager described the teen as irrational and "non-compliant" with officer commands.

He remained resistant after being Tasered and two bystanders helped the second CHP officer handcuff him.

CPR was administered as Estrada languished from his gunshot wounds, but he was pronounced dead at the

scene not long after the trio finally subdued him.

Gray, rushed to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata and transferred to UC Davis for the severity of his wounds, was newly assigned to Humboldt County. He had been transferred on Dec. 2 from a CHP post in the Bay area and appointed a live-in deputy in Willow Creek. He graduated in 2012 from the California Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento. It could not be learned before press time if he has prior roots or family on the North Coast.

The interagency CIRT comprises investigators from the CHP, District Attorney's Office, Eureka Police Department, Arcata Police Department and the California Department of Justice. The Sheriff's Office is the lead agency in the Gray/Estrada investigation.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Downey shortly after the mêlée, Jager expressed sorrow at Estrada's death. "This is difficult," he said, his voice cracking. "Our hearts go out to the family of this young man."

Hoopa Valley Tribal Chairwoman Danielle Vigil-Masten, formerly affiliated with the local Stop the Violence campaign, issued a prepared statement:

"Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the young Hoopa tribal member who crossed over early Thursday morning and to the officer who was injured. We urge people to be respectful of one another during these tragic times."

Recent rain no drought panacea

HOOPA VALLEY DROUGHT TASK FORCE

HOOPA — Despite moderate rainfall over the past few weeks, the area remains under severe drought conditions and the outlook for the coming summer is grim.

Rod Mendes, Director of Hoopa's Office of Emergency Services (OES), said, "Don't be fooled by a little bit of rain. We're not getting enough rain to carry us through the next year."

Trinity Lake, the reservoir behind Trinity Dam, was at 53 percent of capacity at this time last year. Today it is at 28 percent of capacity, with the majority of the Trinity River's flow being diverted to farms in the Central Valley.

Drought Task Force member Jack Jackson said, "Everybody we've spoken with, from the National Weather Service to the Department of Water Resources, says that we're not going to get the water

we need this summer."

Because the state's snowpack is almost non-existent, there is no guarantee that what little water will be left behind Trinity Dam during the spring and fall fish runs will be cold enough to provide any relief to migrating fish, even if it were to be released.

Robert Franklin, senior hydrologist with Hoopa Tribal Fisheries, said, "Warm water isn't going to help."

Community members are urged to start preparing now for water shortages or possible water system cutoffs next year. If the valley's water system had to be flushed out, for example, Hoopa's tap water could be shut off for days.

Families are urged to put aside enough drinking water in case of an emergency to provide three gallons per day for each family member, pet or farm animal for a minimum of three or four days.

Climate | Rising seas vs. roads

FROM A1

climate will be in the future."

One of the study's main objectives is to assess the vulnerability of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) infrastructure in the district made up of Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino and Lake counties.

Another goal is developing "adaptation options" such as re-routing roadways, armoring them or constructing causeways that allow water to pass beneath them. Criteria for ranking the options range from cost considerations to social and environmental impacts.

The options and criteria were voted on by those who attended a public hearing in Eureka last August. In Humboldt, the U.S. Highway 101 safety corridor between Arcata and Eureka is the most at-risk piece of road infrastructure and armoring it, building causeways and re-routing it were ranked highest by attendees of the previous meeting.

Crow described climate change as a current phenomenon. "There are existing extreme weather events that tell us that things are changing and we've got to start taking notice," she said.

As an example, she showed photos of a 9.1-foot early December king tide that almost completely submerged Indian Island. Other photos showed the effects of increasingly frequent flooding in Mendocino and Del Norte counties. "This is a serious issue, we're starting to see it now and we anticipate things to get worse in the future," Crow said.

The study includes impact modeling-based projections to 2050 and 2100. Brett Vivyan of GHD said the study's projection of an-

nual average daily temperatures by 2050 shows a rise of about three degrees in the region.

By 2100, the temperature increase is estimated at between four and six degrees.

Sea level rise is also modeled in the study and is an acute concern for Humboldt Bay, where land is subsiding. Under a high emissions or worst case scenario, the study projects sea level rise of between 10 to 26 inches in the U.S. Highway 101 safety corridor area by 2050 and between 26 to 70 inches by 2100.

Extreme precipitation is projected to increase by up to 11 percent by 2050 and up to 14 percent by 2100.

The bay is ringed with levees but "as seas get higher than those levees, there's more room for the sea to move in," Vivyan said.

Other areas of the county are prone to coastal flooding and rain-driven landslides, he continued. But the U.S. Highway 101 safety corridor is particularly vulnerable to rising seas and has high impact potential due to its traffic volume.

Crow said the next steps include aligning Caltrans design standards with anticipated changes. "If Caltrans continues to design for the status quo, there's little room for adaptation," she continued.

Questions were fielded from the audience, which included residents of other counties linked to the event via webinar technology. In response to a query about changing projections, Crow said the study includes a range of models that will be continually re-evaluated.

"This is a newer type of science that we're doing," she said. The study's website is at northcoastclimatechange.com.

NORTHCOAST REGIONAL LAND TRUST

ARCATA — U.S. Bank awarded the Northcoast Regional Land Trust a \$3,500 grant to support its Stewards of Tomorrow education and field trip program for Humboldt County students.

This innovative, hands-on environmental education program allows hundreds of students in grades K-12 to visit the Land Trust's Freshwater Farms Reserve property and learn firsthand about the compatibility of ongoing agriculture and a restoration project that has significantly improved rearing conditions for juvenile coho salmon.

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LAND STEWARDS

Man flees APD, is caught by CHP way out 299

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

ARCATA — On Friday, Dec. 26 at about 9:30 p.m., Arcata Police attempted enforcement on a 1996 Jeep Cherokee with expired registration and displaying false tabs at the Chevron Station on Giuntoli Lane. The Jeep fled eastbound on SR-299.

At Arcata PD's request, CHP

took over the pursuit of the Jeep as it continued eastbound on SR-299 near mile post marker 10. Hoopa Valley Tribal PD assisted the CHP as the Jeep continued eastbound on SR-299, then turned south onto Saber Tooth Road near the Redwood Creek Bridge and continued for three miles on the dirt road.

An enforcement stop was made and the driver was taken into custody without incident. The driver was identified as Harold Joseph Marshall, 39, from Redding. Marshall was booked into Humboldt County Jail for felony evading, driving on a suspended license and several warrants.

Pair found dead in remote, not-recent crash

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

ORICK — Yurok Tribal Police and CHP were notified Tuesday, Dec. 23 of a possible fatality collision somewhere near Johnson's Road east of Orick.

The collision scene was on private property south of the Klamath River near the Mettah Creek drainage. The agencies discovered an old-

er utility type vehicle and a deceased male and female in a very remote and rugged area. The collision was not recent, and may have occurred at some time over the past several weeks.

The deceased were identified by the Humboldt County Coroner as Leonard Donald James Jr., 64, and Carla Jae Lothrop, 56.

Gravel | Serves as filter for drinking water

FROM A1

fected by bed level changes in the Mad River.

"We have an interest in that, in this section of the river, because of critical infrastructure that supports our drinking water system," she said. Rische added that the district is concerned with the "depth and nature of the gravel bed" because it's related to how drinking water is filtered. "That filtration effectiveness is very significant in what's called our 'source water classification,'" she said.

She explained that different water classifications are associated with various levels of regulation. If the classification changes due to impacts to water quality, the district could experience "a significant regulatory change that would be very costly for our community."

Asked by Board Chair Rex Bohn if the district has seen impacts from mining in the past, Rische said that there have been "very significant impacts and therefore costs to our infrastructure."

The new, negotiated language states that mining shall not "adversely impact public in-

rastructure" nor "source water classifications of drinking water for regional water systems." Supervisors agreed to the changes.

Also at the hearing, supervisors again revisited billboard policies in the Scenic Resources section. Billboard company representatives had objected to a policy that required Planning Commission reviews when billboards need to be re-installed.

When that provision was deleted, there were further objections from billboard advocates to require over-the-counter building permits. Vandals have cut down billboards along the Humboldt Bay corridor of U.S. Highway 101 and billboard company representatives said that in those instances, billboards should be re-erected as quickly as possible.

A new policy titled "vandalism of billboards" states that when vandalism occurs, current zoning code conditions will stay the same. Though requiring building permits is still in the mix and the new policy is aligned with the status quo, Supervisor Estelle Fennell said it provides "an air of certainty."

since "there was some wiggle room" in the previous policy.

The board had also changed a policy on supporting a system of scenic roadways in the county. A majority of supervisors has been uncomfortable with the scenic designations, saying they could burden property owners with new requirements.

At last week's hearing, supervisors agreed to have the policy apply only to highways and not roadways. They said that since scenic roadway designations are conducted through a California Department of Transportation process, the option of pursuing them is still open even if mention of it is removed from the policy.

Supervisor Mark Lovelace agreed to the new wording but questioned why his colleagues were squeamish about including roadways.

"If the board's supportive of the idea that this could include roadways and not just highways, then I would prefer to see it stated as such," he said.

The board also began its review of the update's Water Resources Element and continued it to the next update hearing, on Jan. 12.

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❖ THE YEAR IN HEADLINES

The year that was saw the *Union* covering the terrible crimes and their aftermaths, including political fallout during elections. We covered public services such as fire departments, trails and public toilets expanding and evolving and, due to clear editorial bias, offered a smattering of science. We offer for your perusal, gentle reader, the 2014 year in headlines...

❖ JANUARY 1, 2014

Arcata Fire evolves

ARCATA – By beating the bushes for funding sources and embracing modern standards and practices, the Arcata Fire Protection District has made huge strides in staffing, training, equipment and facilities in recent years. But it still has a long way to go.

❖ JANUARY 8, 2014

Grow house tax nets \$50K

ARCATA – The City of Arcata has received its first payment from PG&E of monies collected under the Excessive Energy Use Tax. It's a lot less than expected.

❖ JANUARY 15, 2014

Trinidad shocked by killing

TRINIDAD – A 24-year-old Westhaven man, Jesse Alvin Ruiz, was stabbed to death early Friday morning, Jan. 10 at the Hidden Creek Trailer Park. A suspect was arrested the same day and booked into the Humboldt County Jail on suspicion of homicide.

❖ JANUARY 22, 2014

Increase the Peace

ARCATA – Shocked and saddened not just by recent violent crimes, but the perception of an overall decline in public behavior locally, Jambalaya owner Pete Ciotti decided doing something –anything – is better than just complaining.

❖ JANUARY 29, 2014

Where's the water?

RUTH LAKE – When Humboldt County residents want to enjoy some summer sunshine and water skiing, many of them head to Ruth Lake, a popular getaway in neighboring Trinity County.

But unless there is significant rainfall in the coming months, boat launches at the lake will be high and dry this summer...

❖ FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Ex-cop slams APD pot 'quota'

ARCATA – A new court filing by a former officer describes the Arcata Police Department (APD) as a loosey-goosey outfit more interested in running up numbers on pot busts than protecting Arcata's citizens and upholding the law...

❖ FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Loo bounces across Plaza

ARCATA – Downtown Arcata businesspeople have always had general consensus on two central points with regard to a public toilet: we need one, and we need it to be nowhere near my business or building...

❖ FEBRUARY 19, 2014

Two years jail for killing a man

ARCATA – They aren't suspects any more. Three Arcadians have pleaded no contest in the stabbing death of Douglas Anderson-Jordet last Nov. 25.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, Juan Joseph Ferrer, 35, admitted to aggravated involuntary manslaughter...



❖ FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Limp liberals 'watch in horror'

HUMBOLDT – Despite increasing concerns about the influence of special interests on county land use policies, there is a scramble to find candidates to run against incumbents in the upcoming Board of Supervisor elections...

❖ MARCH 5, 2014

Progs push Planco back on buffers

HUMBOLDT – Pushback against the county Planning Commission's changes to the draft General Plan Update has succeeded, effecting a swing vote reversal on reductions of streamside buffers...

❖ MARCH 12, 2014

Killer's plea deal gets political

ARCATA – The plea deal that resulted in an effective two-year jail sentence given to Juan Joseph Ferrer for stabbing Douglas Anderson-Jordet to death in Arcata last Nov. 25 could be rescinded...

❖ MARCH 17, 2014

Restoration or ruin? A dunes divide

MANILA – In and around this tiny township, a war of words is being waged over the removal of invasive, non-native plants from the dunes...

❖ MARCH 26, 2014

Clash of the DA candidates

ARCATA – A district attorney candidates debate last week was mostly non-confrontational but the topic of plea bargains triggered spirited back and forth exchanges...

❖ APRIL 2, 2014

Mr. McKinley mobilizes



MURAL RENEWAL



ARCATA BOTTOM – In its April 1, 1988 edition, Arcata's *Union* newspaper reported on an enthusiastic young mural artist painting a grand pastoral scene on an Arcata Bottom barn.

Twenty-six years and one day later, the *Mad River Union* is doing the same at the very same barn, with a different artist, different owners, and a different but not dissimilar mural...

❖ APRIL 9, 2014

Stabbing pleas rejected

EUREKA – Superior Court Judge Joyce Hinrichs has tossed out plea bargains made between the District Attorney's office and the suspects in the stabbing death of an Arcata man, stating that the deals would "erode public confidence in our judicial process."

❖ APRIL 16, 2014

Grief follows 'great tragedy'

ORLAND/ARCATA – A tragic accident on Thursday, April 10, involving the collision of a FedEx tractor-trailer and a chartered bus traveling from Los Angeles to Humboldt State University left 10 dead, including three chaperones and five high school students on their way to preview the Humboldt State University campus...

❖ APRIL 23, 2014

No vax, no school as ills loom

HUMBOLDT – With increasing numbers of parents refusing to allow their children to be immunized against serious diseases, local school officials are acting to protect the vulnerable students from outbreaks of measles, mumps and rubella...

❖ APRIL 30, 2014



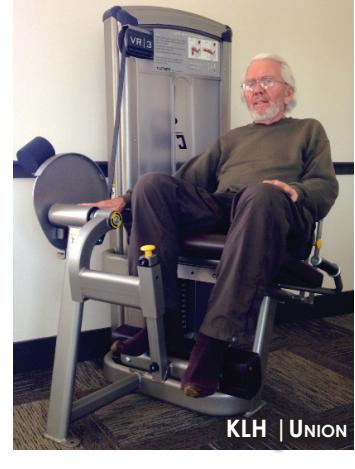
TRINIDAD – Local musician and active community member Steve Watts is recovering from surgery after sustaining a serious neck injury during a mixed martial arts bout at Cher-Ae Heights Casino in Trinidad on Saturday night, April 26...

❖ MAY 7, 2014

Seniors peeved at Plaza Point

ARCATA – Designed from the ground up as an idyllic home for senior citizens, Arcata's Plaza Point is proving less than ideal for some residents.

Over recent months, complaints have mounted over shortcomings of the building, the management company's policies and style, problems with utilities and amenities, even the building's security...



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❖ MAY 14, 2014



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Orick School saved

ORICK – Orick Elementary School will be keeping its doors open after all, following fears it would be teaching its last students this semester...

❖ MAY 21, 2014

Tree's troubled past

HUMBOLDT – The prosecution is focused on motive, the defense on investigative lapses as the murder trial of Bodhi Tree, 28, of Arcata, enters its second week...

❖ MAY 28, 2014

Arcata's busted budget

ARCATA CITY HALL – The Arcata City Council last week completed its annual series of budget sessions. The three three-hour budget meetings are an annual reality check, as councilmembers agonize to put numbers to the City of Arcata's goals, which were revised in February...

This year's projected budget of \$13.4 million, even though down \$1.2 million from last year, still came up \$39,000 short. That gap was covered by drawing from the city's reserves, which now stand at \$1.7 million...

❖ JUNE 4, 2014

Multimillion-dollar pipelines planned

... In 2004, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) was granted a 25-year "Water Right" to 75 million gallons per day of the Mad River's life-giving nectar by the State Water Resources Control Board. That right is in effect until Dec. 31, 2029, and can be renewed – but only if the HBMWD is actually using the water for public benefit...

❖ JUNE 11, 2014

Meet the eaglets

... With the two rapidly growing young eagles about halfway to the point where they will be taking their first tentative flights from the nest, it was time to place lifetime identification bands on their legs and use the opportunity to take their measure as well...



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❖ JUNE 18, 2014

Crime scene meets courtroom

... The defense has sought throughout the trial, in both the Eureka and Arcata cases, to demonstrate to the jury that police should have been more thorough in carrying out interviews and evidence collection...

❖ JUNE 25, 2014

Tree: agitated and aggressive

HUMBOLDT – The Bodhi Tree trial is now in its second month. Last week's testimonies were, at times, contradictory and lacking in physical evidence...

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❖ THE YEAR IN HEADLINES

❖ JULY 2, 2014

McK, Arcata arson arrests

MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – Two suspected arsonists were arrested last week following two unrelated fires – one that destroyed a home in McKinleyville, the other an unused mobile home in Arcata...

❖ JULY 9, 2014

**McK to get new fire station**

MCKINLEYVILLE – The Humboldt County Planning Commission on July 3 approved plans for an almost 6,000-square-foot addition to the outdated McKinleyville Fire Station. The agenda item passed by unanimous vote, with commissioners Levy, McKenny and Morris absent. The commission also approved the McKinleyville Community Service District's plans for a teen and community center to be constructed as an addition to the McKinleyville Activity Center...

❖ JULY 16, 2014

County to pursue 1/2 cent sales tax

HUMBOLDT – Buoyed by surprisingly favorable polling, the Board of Supervisors has voted to go ahead with a sales tax measure for the Nov. 4 election proposing a half-cent sales tax increase countywide...

❖ JULY 23, 2014

Confessions of an anchorman

Mine is a poignant story of changing times, shifting tides and growing irrelevance in the world of TV broadcasting. I am telling the untold story of changing times at KVIQ because it is cleansing for my soul. I can also use it as a hand-out to people who have been asking, "Where ya been lately?"

❖ JULY 30, 2014

Witnesses: Tree boasted of killings

HUMBOLDT – Double murder suspect Bodhi Tree allegedly bragged last month in prison that he shot and killed two people and tried to kill a third last year in May.

❖ AUGUST 6, 2014

Tree mapped 'a murderous course'

HUMBOLDT – Garberville native Bodhi Tree's alleged murder binge in mid-May 2013 sprang from his fast-gathering anger and frustration at being ostracized socially, rejected sexually and "jumped" by riled peers, according to the prosecution's closing argument...

❖ AUGUST 13, 2014

GUILTY

HUMBOLDT – The trio of guilty verdicts against Garberville native Bodhi Tree marked a near-total rejection of defense counsel's unshakable stand that the prosecution's murder case did not even begin to allay reasonable doubt...



❖ AUGUST 20, 2014

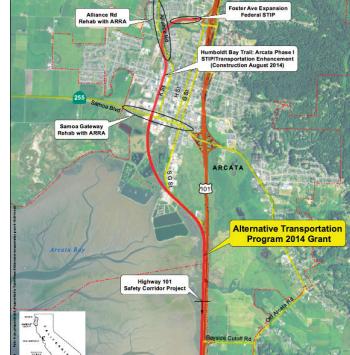
Blazing vehicle pushed off cliff

MCKINLEYVILLE – A vehicle which may have been stolen was torched and pushed down a cliff in McKinleyville Saturday, Aug. 16, causing a brush fire that threatened to destroy nearby homes...

❖ AUGUST 27, 2014

Millions for Bay Rail-Trail

HUMBOLDT BAY – The California Transportation Commission announced Friday that \$3.1 million has been granted to create the Humboldt Bay Trail, Arcata Rail with Trail Project. The funding will enable a full-featured trail stretching from the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary to Bracut Industrial Park...



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❖ SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

SCIENCE AT SEA

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... In swelling seas, waves crashed and spray splashed while computer screens glimmered with cascades of numbers. Scientists and students deployed probes, gathered samples, analyzed data, created records, ate cheese puffs – in other words, did hard field science aboard Humboldt State University Marine Lab's (HSU) research vessel, the R/V Coral Sea...

❖ SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

Two slain in Fieldbrook, suspect quickly captured

JASON Michael Arreaga, 29, of Lucerne, located on the east side of Clear Lake, was arrested early on Sept. 4 by Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies and charged with two counts of homicide for the killing the day before of Angel Robin Tully and Harley Wayne Hammers Jr., both 37, of Eureka...

❖ SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Victim refused to exit apt. fire

ARCATA – Police are investigating last week's fatal fire at an Alliance Road apartment complex which claimed the life of 52-year-old Kelly Maureen Nichols...

❖ SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Food Not Bombs continues to serve meals, sans permits

ARCATA – It's a weary group of hungry folks who wait most Sunday evenings, collected loosely around the Arcata Plaza benches and grass. They tell stories of their travels, share an illegal cigarette and most of all, ask the universal question: What's for dinner?

❖ OCTOBER 1, 2014

Diemer to be city manager

ARCATA CITY HALL – The City Council Friday morning selected Karen Diemer, deputy director of Environmental Services, as Arcata's new city manager. She starts in the position Dec. 1...

❖ OCTOBER 8, 2014

High costs may kill water sales

HUMBOLDT – As the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District continues to market its industrial water surplus, it's finding that the costs of transporting it are higher than what potential customers may be willing to pay...

❖ OCTOBER 15, 2014

Siren falling silent

ARCATA – A week from Monday, the last Plaza conversation will have been halted by Arcata's noon siren...

Following its final sounding on Oct. 27, the siren will be removed from its tower atop the Arcata Fire Protection District's downtown Arcata station and auctioned off...

❖ OCTOBER 22, 2014

Federal suit flogs 4/20 shutdown

ARCATA – A First Amendment lawsuit against Arcata demands the full restoration of the annual 4/20 "Cannabis Celebration" in Redwood Park...

❖ OCTOBER 29, 2014

Old guard opposes fire dept. name change

ARCATA/MCKINLEYVILLE – Much to the consternation of some long-time volunteers and former employees, the Arcata Fire Protection District (AFPD) is contemplating a name change...



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❖ NOVEMBER 5, 2014

**TRAVELER TROUBLES**

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... Popularly referred to as "transients," the passers-through brought with them all the usual low-grade insults to civility that generally annoy townsfolk and particularly perturb downtown businessfolk – panhandling, smoking, loose dogs, shoplifting, litter and other petty crime...

❖ NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Arcata grapples with smokers & drinkers

ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week attempted to address issues of loitering, littering and unruly behavior that some community members say have gotten out of hand since the downtown smoking ban went into effect last year...

❖ NOVEMBER 19, 2014

New tavern & tea house

ARCATA – Saturday night, local luminaries Aimee Hennessy and Merrick McKinlay hosted a gathering of local sponsors and friends at the much anticipated Richard's Goat Tavern & Tea Room, on K Street and Samoa Boulevard in Arcata.

❖ NOVEMBER 26, 2014

McKinleyville goes organic

MCKINLEYVILLE – A community-owned ranch in McKinleyville that recycles sewer water and produces hay has been certified organic...

❖ DECEMBER 3, 2014

Man flees deputy, plunges down cliff

BAKER BEACH – A man with a warrant out for his arrest ran from a deputy last week, tumbled down a cliff and had to be rescued by a crew from the U.S. Coast Guard...

❖ DECEMBER 10, 2014

At long last Loo

ARCATA – Arcata's new Portland Loo is installed, connected, up and flushing at Eighth and F streets...

All told, the Loo cost Arcata roughly \$115,000, and represents a grand experiment...



❖ DECEMBER 17, 2014

Arcata helps NASA with Mars mission

PACIFIC OCEAN – It was an unmanned test, but the United States' return to human-rated space flight resumed after 42 years on Dec. 4. As part of Experimental Flight Test-1 (EFT-1), the Orion capsule was launched, orbited and just as importantly, recovered for re-use.

The state-of-the-art spaceship was plucked from the Pacific Ocean with crucial assistance from Arcata's Wing Inflatables...

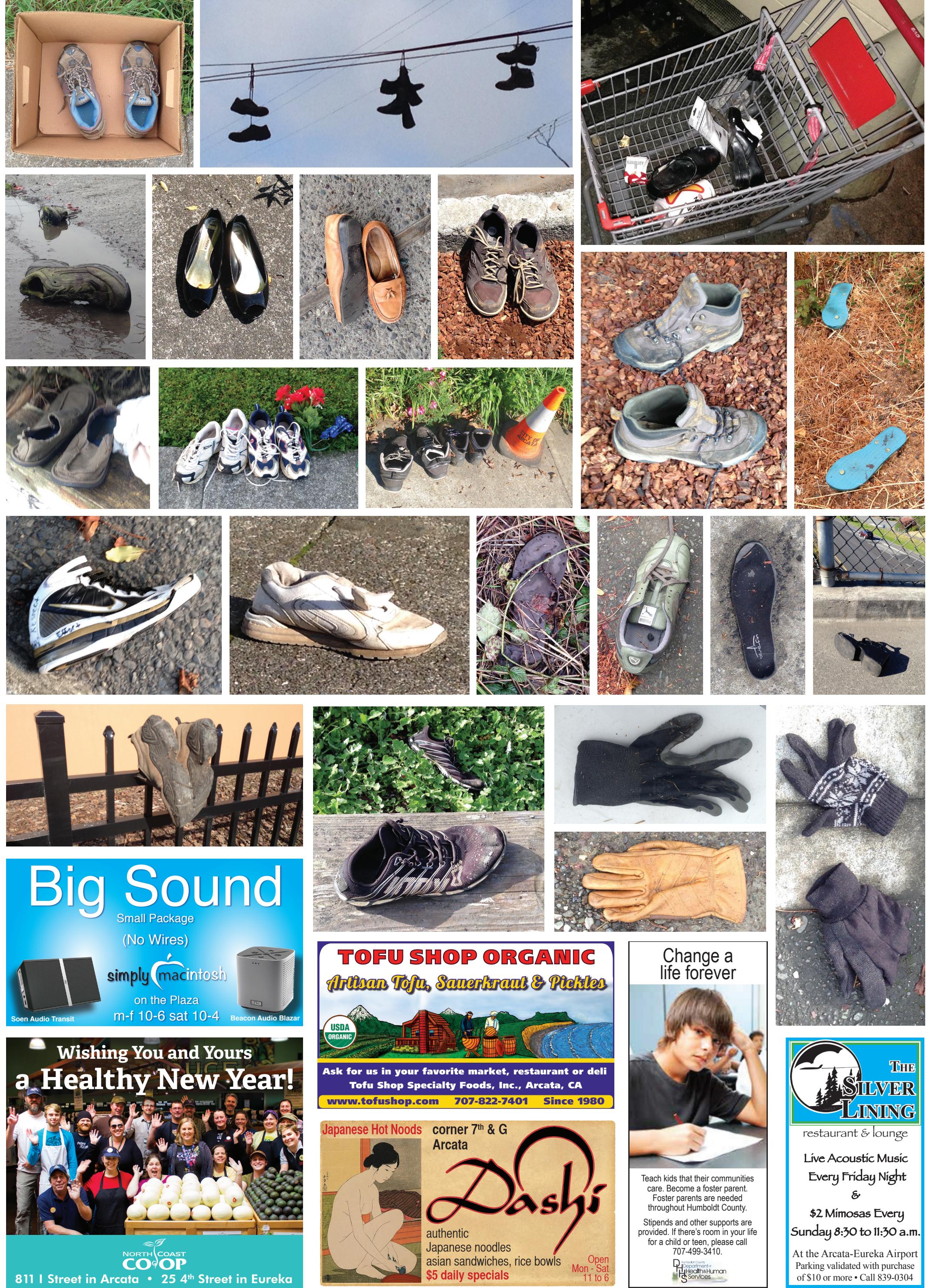
❖ DECEMBER 24, 2014

CHP kills machete-wielding teen

WILLOW CREEK – A sudden, unexplained explosion of violence along a Willow Creek roadside left a teenage boy dead and a California Highway Patrol officer seriously injured early Friday morning, Dec. 19. The officer remains hospitalized with injuries inflicted with a machete...

SHOES OF THE WORLD

TAKE A WALK around Arcata and among the curiosities you'll behold are shoes. Lots and lots of fallen footwear of different form factors. Shoes for men, women, kids – sneakers, dress shoes, brogans, Birkenstocks, boots, even socks and the occasional glove (no python boots, so far, though), sometimes in the company of other dubious garments in various baffling straits. They dangle from wires, hang from fences, inhabit FREE boxes and shopping carts, but mostly they're just sitting there, footless and fancy free. Many are in fine condition – new even. Some are seasoned, succulent and seemingly in their prime as walking devices. Others are beat-up biohazards at best. Where did they come from (the shoe factory, *r i g h t...* but after that), and who doffed them? Do people just suddenly decide to take off their shoes and continue on their way? Most baffling of all are the single abandoned shoes. How does that happen, and where are their counterparts? So many questions... While we're waiting for the other shoe to drop, we present you with our diligent compilation of the year in abandoned footwear. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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OPINION

Come for the trees

People disagreeing everywhere you look, makes you wanna stop and read a book. Why only yesterday I saw somebody on the street that was really shook. But this river keeps on rollin' though, no matter what gets in the way the wind does blow and as long as it does I'll just sit here and watch the river flow. Watchin' the river flow, I'll just sit down on this bank of sand and watch the river flow – Bob Dylan, "Watching the River Flow"

Yeah, it is a little wet out there and where do all the people go who don't have a place to be comfortable in? Even houses are sometimes not a comfort, like my attempt to fix my rooftop without success, and the rain was non-stop the next day. Makes you think about living off the land somewhere but that's not legal anymore. Oh well, life goes on and gets more expensive by the day with fewer jobs available everywhere.

Farmers' Market was interesting with everything wet and slushy but still fun in the liquid sunshine and quite a few out and about doing the weekly shop local.



◆ EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Magic Marsh is fantastic with the rising King tides of the season goin' on right now as the sun and moon are in alignment for our winter solstice. Time for walkabouts and pictures for the albums as future smiles for remembering the beauty. With the recent downpours, the Arcata Bottom is getting water-covered roads everywhere and more to come. Cow crowds couldn't care less, unless they slip and try to get back up as they forage for food, but they always seem to make it OK. Cats don't mind as they just hide until it's dryer and dogs love to play in da water if you'll play too.

The September issue of *Sunset* magazine had the secret coves and beaches of our beautiful Northern California coastline. The cover was Moonstone Beach at its grandest and inside a quote: "The trees are taller. The beaches are wider. And there's no one here but you. Here's how to get lost on California's last stretch of untamed coast." "Come for the trees, stay for the water." The only problem is they won't want to leave, oh well! Like when you go to Fern Canyon or the Cathedral of Trees and you have to talk yourself into leaving before dark time or you won't find your way home.

The Arcata Plaza is fun with the lights of the season and the giant tree inside Jacoby's Storehouse and Santa on board at times for the old and young kids. If everyone could be as nice and kind as they are for holidaze we would have a more friendly atmosphere for everyday living around us. Food Not Bombs are still going strong so there are some who care. I think the Food for People truck crash and fire was a warning of what can happen to anyone of any genre, like when the power went out a few years ago and food disappeared off the shelves of our local resources. Do you remember what your grandma taught you about storing and saving food, underground, canned and more? How about the sun-drying demo that used to be on the Plaza during the Farmers' Market? That will last forever or at least a few years. I remember, I remember but I've been brainwashed along with everyone else.

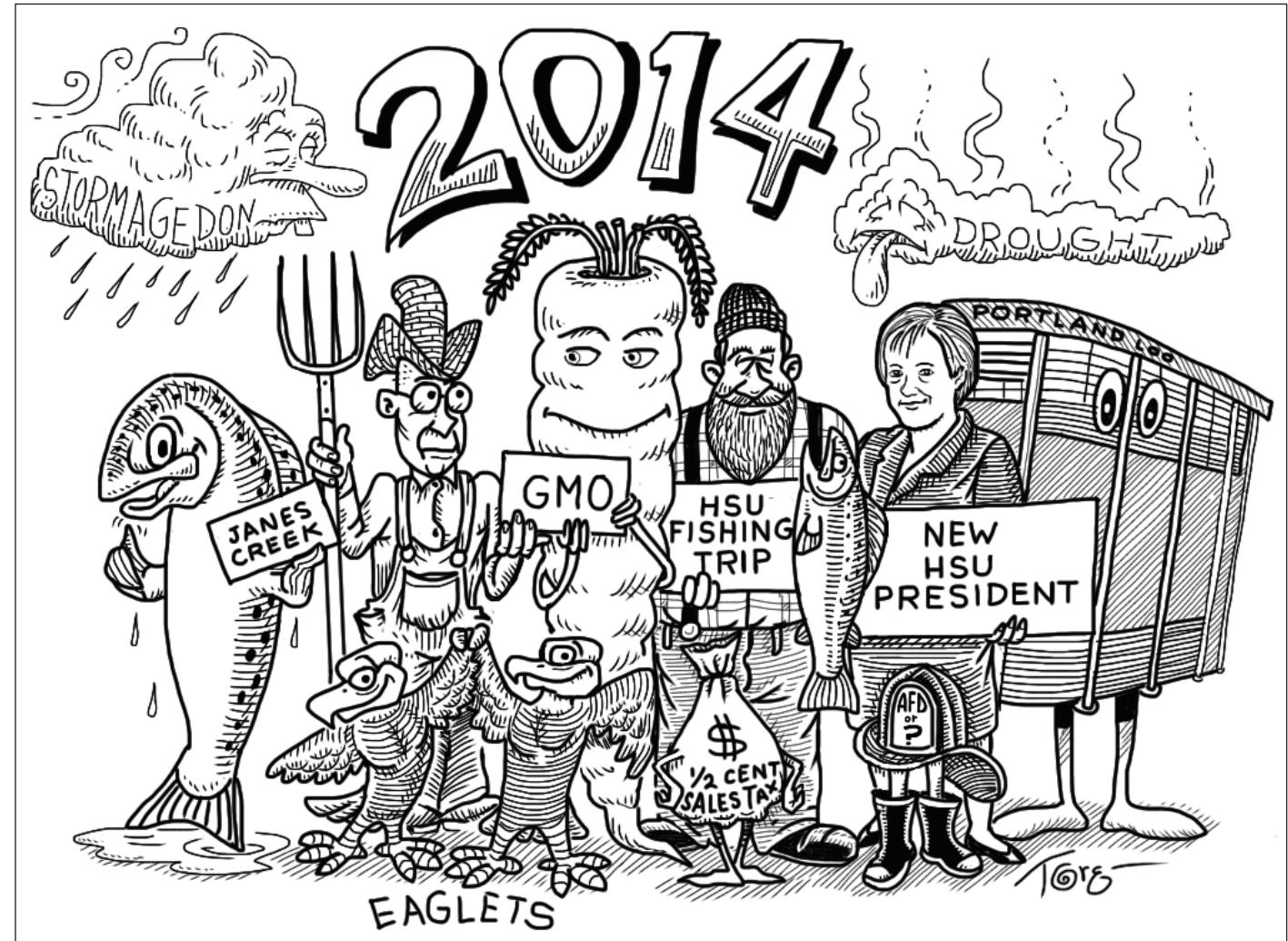
Bottom time on Monday, before the Merry, Ho Ho, Day was cool and misty with real drops at times. Cats ran out everywhere for their treats of the week and were even friendly to each other. While sitting with the Kittenville crew to keep the ravens and crows and gulls away, watched a pickup truck stop and a group of three got out with shotguns and left the Labrador behind in the cab. The dairy herding pups tried talking to him and one of them ran out into the slushy field, following the guys as they went to catch some food for the upcoming day of celebration. Gunshots that close are scary and make you jump as well as the cats scurrying under the houses and the dogs running into the dairy with the one left in the truck wanting to be let out to join the group to gather the food, as that's what Labs do. They stayed for a time with continued shooting so I got up and left and gave the Lab a biscuit for his patience and scooted on down the road.

Trampoline Dane in the rain doing his thing so I would give him a biscuit along with his buddy peering through the fence. Smile time! Gee – not a soul in Wind-song Park.

Some repair work going on under the garage part of the old recycling center, too much water I bet. Down the road, watching the rushing water as it went underneath K Street, I leaned on the metal railing and suddenly I was alive with ants crawling all over me, as they were marching up and over the metal pipe. Pay attention, sure.

Many of the local stores are not as busy as they would like to be but everyone is going through a tough money time right now and with the recent drought problem everywhere, prices are still going up. I'm sure the weekend sales will soar when the lower prices come into effect.

Bev says it's quiet out there as many have gone elsewhere for the week. Watch out for the pets left behind as the local shelter is overfull right now.



Non-embarrassable Supes again stumble

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recently merged the Coroner's Office into the Sheriff's Office, a move recommended by the last two coroners. The two main reasons given were to save money and improve working conditions for the three deputy coroners, who have been putting in many hours of overtime on night calls. Eliminating a department head's compensation is expected to save money, although I have some reservations about how much.

Coroner Dave Parris, who is retiring, has been doing many of the same tasks as his deputies, and without his contribution to the workload, someone will have to pick up that work – which will not be free. The administrative duties he performed should be absorbed into Sheriff Mike Downey's job without too much trouble. The big improvement is expected to come from cross-training existing sheriff's personnel to cover the initial response phase of the coroner work, eliminating the relentless night call outs and possibly improving response times to the remote areas of the county.

The county administrator supported the move, saying that a department with just four employees was inefficient in management terms. The single administrative assistant position was hard to cover when that employee was sick or on vacation. The main opposition came from the considerable segment of locals who have a profound distrust of law enforcement.

They said that having an independently elected coroner provides an additional check against glossing over officer-involved deaths and other events in which they suspect improper actions by law enforcement. Their understanding of the role of such a coroner probably isn't very accurate. This move is not

likely to make it any easier to cover up bad law enforcement, if it exists.

One area where the financial gains might actually materialize is the Public Administrator work, in which the deputy coroners handle the estates of people who die without heirs. That

function is said to make money – bringing in as much as half the revenue of the department. By shifting that work to existing personnel in the larger department, Downey could reserve the deputy coroners for the more highly skilled work they do best.

The Sheriff's Office is also better placed to obtain grant funding, which might help bring in a little extra money. But we shouldn't be expecting a big windfall profit out of this merger. Remember that the Sheriff's Office is already stretched so thin that voters approved an additional sales tax which the board has promised to devote to public safety spending.

There are economies of scale in a 200-person department, but the merger still increases the overall workload. A deputy who spends several hours at the scene of an unexpected and unexplained death, discharging duties previously handled by the deputy coroners, isn't on patrol or answering other calls. The rosy scenario in which the merger saves tons of money is based on lots of sheriff's deputies having big blocks of free time, which isn't the case.

Speaking of the Measure Z sales tax increase, the board has already stumbled in the formation of an advisory board to supposedly give voters oversight of the use of the new tax money. Initial discussions called for the committee to be made up mostly of public safety officials. Without disrespect, those folks already have easy access to the board.

The advisory committee was sup-

posed to allow citizens a role in making sure the money from the extra tax is spent in the ways promoted by the board during the campaign. There is also concern that it actually supplements public safety budgets, and isn't used to replace existing funding. The final decision was to include representatives of the law enforcement and fire communities, a citizen appointed by each supervisor and two more appointed by a majority vote of the board.

Third District Supervisor Mark Lovelace wanted to make the seats representing law enforcement and fire departments non-voting, in part because their respective departments have financial stakes in the outcome of the committee's recommendations, but the other supervisors didn't agree. Potential representatives have mentioned they expect to play an educational role on the panel.

That sounds to me as if they intend to guide the recommendations in the direction they want – exactly the opposite of the purpose of the committee. There's no danger in allowing freedom on the panel, since any report will be advisory anyway. Some boards might worry about being embarrassed if they completely ignore the report, but this one has demonstrated no capacity whatever to be embarrassed, no matter how flagrant the conduct.

When the appointments are made, they may be drawn from the same narrow good old boys network which already has the supervisors' ears. That would render the panel "citizens" in name only. If you have the interest and time to participate in the committee, contact your supervisor about being nominated.

Elizabeth Alves wants to know what the taxpayers want Measure Z funds spent on. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

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SIGN SAVERS



THIS SHALL NOT STAND At least not until the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) replaces it. The "Welcome to McKinleyville" sign fell to gusty winds last week. Stepping up to save the iconic landmark were Dennis Mayo, Jason Sehon and Ryan Sundberg, among others. The sign will require refurbishment and replacement and the MCSD is on the case. The sign features Mack Town's unofficial motto "Where Horses Have the Right of Way."

PHOTOS COURTESY MARK SCHAFFNER

SUCCEED AT SUCCESSIONS The Northern California Association of Nonprofits invites the public to January's Board Leadership Roundtable. This event, which is geared toward board members and those who work with them, is on Monday, Jan. 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside.

This month's topic is "Succession Planning for Executives, Presidents, and Board Members." Whether it's a surprise resignation, an expected retirement, or even a dismissal, the loss of a key player can cause havoc with the effectiveness of a nonprofit organization.

Is it possible to be prepared for such a situation? As hard as it is to plan for this type of event, a process for smooth transition is critical for any organization. In this month's roundtable, you will learn ways to plan for filling key positions, whether expected or not. Please note that this roundtable is on the second Monday of the month instead of the first. Admission is \$10 for NorCAN members and \$20 for non-members.

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BARN BLOWDOWN For more than a century, the barns along Old Samoa Road withstood the worst Humboldt weather could throw at them – including flooding, as seen in the Jan. 8, 1948 photo at bottom. But last week's winds finished off two of the classic settlement-era barns. Above, the wind-edited Arcata Bottom landscape. Below, left-to-right comparisons of the barns as they stood in 2005, and today. BOTTOM PHOTO BY MERLE SHUSTER, COURTESY HUMBOLDT STATE LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS; OTHER PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



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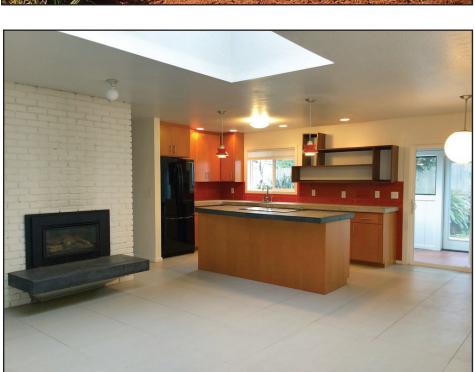
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ARCATA — The force of nature known to many as Tony Gonsalves has done it again, and the proof is in the playing.

The lifelong woodworker's previous forays into instrument crafting resulted in creation of a mandolin and a violin. The one-off stringed things earned plaudits from players and fellow instrument crafters alike.

This time, Gonsalves is slashing his way into the world of rock with a full-sized, solid body electric guitar branded as "Mountaineer" on its headstock. Where the violin took him seven years to construct, the much larger guitar took just nine months.

Key to the project was the assistance of luthier Kenneth Lawrence of Ken Lawrence Instruments. His Samoa Boulevard shop adjoins the factory of Wildwood Manufacturing, which donated materials to Gonsalves' violin project.

Lawrence learned that he



MAJOR PLAYER Tony Gonsalves with Mountaineer, his new stringed creation. Left, the nascent luthier in the shop where it was born. Above right, master guitar builder Kenneth Lawrence. LEFT AND RIGHT PHOTOS COURTESY KENNETH LAWRENCE; MIDDLE PHOTO BY KLH | UNION

would be helping with the guitar one day last March, when Gonsalves turned to him saying, "I need you to help me do this." With resistance futile, Lawrence proceeded to donate two hours of his time every Sunday to Gonsalves' obsession, his assistance hard to underestimate.

The project began with the 22-fret neck, made of Eastern Curly Maple. Right away, Gonsalves realized that this would be a more difficult project than anything

he'd done before. "This is much harder than a violin," he said, "because of the frets."

Gonsalves began building the body based on his original concept. But when he called a case supplier to order one for the instrument, he mentioned that he was a fan of guitar legend Slash. "Oh, you like Slash?" an employee said. "He's right here, signing cases."

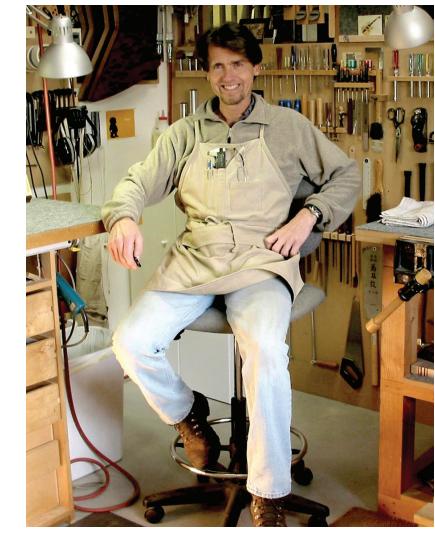
Gonsalves had to have one. But since the Slash-signed cases were made to hold Les Paul-style guitars,

the body was revised to that classic form factor, with custom tweaks.

Slash-branded humbucking pickups were also added, as was an ebony overlay to the angled headstock. Abalone inlays line the sides, with prancing horses of the spectral substance embedded in the fretboard.

The final flourish was the guitar's name, "Mountaineer," written in abalone script on the headstock.

Even the rare strap has a tony tinge — tiger stripes. "This is vin-



tage!" Gonsalves insists.

The result is unmistakably Tony, and what Wildwood Music luthier and guitar repairman Michael Walker calls "a good, all-around electric guitar."

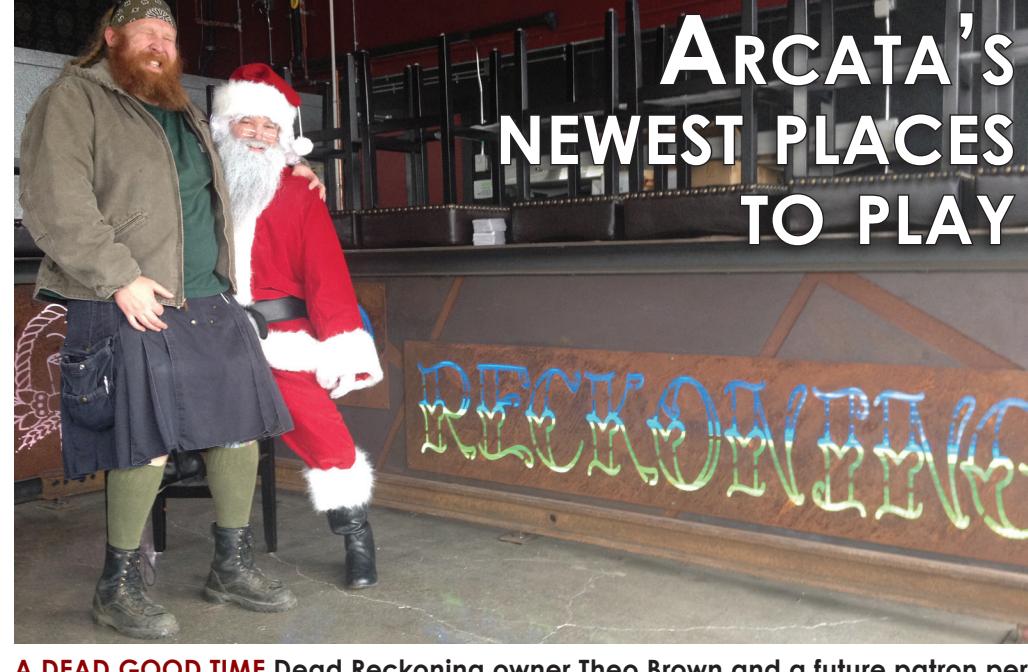
Walker marveled at the quality of the fretwork and overall fit and finish. "This is not just some stock job," he said. "I can tell that it's Tony's creation." (Hear Walker playing Mountaineer at madriverunion.com.)

Gonsalves now plans to learn guitar, blues being his favorite style.

Throughout the building process, Lawrence, an internationally renowned luthier whose guitars are used by James Hetfield of Metallica, among others, was repeatedly reminded by Gonsalves about the importance of precision.

"If you make a mistake, you have to live with it!" He often proclaimed with his customary vehemence.

Were there any mistakes? "No!"



A DEAD GOOD TIME Dead Reckoning owner Theo Brown and a future patron perhaps familiar to some.

Thomas Oliver

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Barcata, indeed. In the last few years, watering holes have been springing up like mushrooms after the rain, and most are but a hop, skip and stumble from the Plaza.

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In a college town, the alcohol market is never saturated, so a few more local entrepreneurs have decided to buy the next round.

The Alibi's impending expansion

We've all been wildly inconvenienced by the construction on The Alibi, I'm sure.

Let's be honest, who wants to wobble

ARCATA'S NEWEST PLACES TO PLAY

RECKONING

through a 10-foot detour on their adventure home? But we must be patient, Arcata, for what The Alibi has planned is well worth the waylay its construction has wrought.

Justin Ladd, owner of The Alibi since 1998 and of the adjacent lot since 2001, originally envisioned the rectangular space as an outdoor patio, but financial considerations dissuaded him. "I was still young at that point, I was just a cook that lucked out buying a business. I'm not some financier, I'm not some property mogul," Ladd said, and the lot lay undeveloped for nearly a decade.

Then in 2010, Ladd paid off the business and revamped his ideas for the space, hiring Alchemy Construction to build the expansion. Ladd has a vision for the new

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♦ NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Run away to join the sideshow

MARSH DISTRICT — What better way to ring in the New Year than running away to join in on the sideshow fun!

Lost Coast Rotaract hosts a 1930s circus-themed fundraiser for RampArt Skate Park at 700 South G St. Arcata today, Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dress in your finest circus attire and enjoy music by Coyotes and Jackalopes Blue Grass, performances by Va Va Voom Vixens, fire dancers and aerial acrobats.

Featured artist Ms. Lefty Lucy has come all the way from New York to perform a death-defying burlesque act this evening.

Lefty Lucy is a burlesque and sideshow performer and producer most commonly known as the Miss Coney Island who took her "in perpetuity" a little too seriously and for her singular style of slapstick burlesque.

Most recently, Lefty was the executive producer for the first ever Nerdlesque Festival held around New York City in April. It featured more than 30 neo-burlesque performers from across the country and around the globe embodying all things burlesque and all things nerdy.

She works with the New York School of Burlesque, is a manicurist at the original Beauty Bar, co-created Story-

WHY SO SAD, SAD CLOWN? Coney Island darling Lefty Lucy.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

❖ MUSIC

Aber Miller 6 p.m., Larrupin' Café, 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad

New Year's Eve at Libation 7 to 10 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata • *Featuring Claire Bent singing with the Randles, LaBolle, Amirkhan Trio.*

New Year's Celebration with 707 7 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville

New Year's Eve Bash 8 p.m., Portuguese Hall 1185 11th St., Arcata • *With Bleep Bloop, Perkulator, sAuce and more.*

Blues Jam 8:30 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Absynth Quintet New Year's Eve 9 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata • *Details on p. B3.*

New Year's Eve with Eyes Anonymous 9 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad • *Make believe the last 30 years didn't happen!*

New Year's Eve at the Logger 9 p.m., The Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake • *Matt & Adam bring the funk.*

Rockin' New Year's Eve 9 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • *Rock into 2015 with NightHawk's classic rock, R&B, current dance hits and more. Free.*

New Year's Celebration 9 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville • *Ring in the New Year with The Uptown Kings. Complimentary champagne toast at midnight and limo rides home for all guests. This is a dress to impress event. Free.*

Motherlode New Year's Eve 9:30 p.m., Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata • *Featuring SamBeMore. \$10.*

Whomp Whomp Wednesday 9:30 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

NYE Dance Party 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Sapphire Palace at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • *Party with DJ Pressure Anya, DJ M and DJ Joe-E, with light show by Marmalade Sky and a midnight balloon drop.*

Rude Lion Sound 10 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ DANCE

Salsa Night 9 p.m., Robert Goodman Wines, 937 I St., Arcata

New Year's Eve Tango 9 p.m., Arcata Veterans Hall 1425 J St., Arcata • *Ring*

in 2015 with fellow dancers. \$12.

❖ OTHER

Cirque Du New Year's Eve Party 9 p.m., RampArt Skatepark, 700 South G St., Arcata • *Details on p. B1.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

❖ MUSIC

Humboldt Ukulele Group 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy., Arcata

Open Mic 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata

Claire Bent 7 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata

Open Mic 8 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake

Karaoke with KJ Leonard 8 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake

Kindred Spirits 9 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Roots and Culture Night 9 p.m., Robert Goodman Winery, 937 I St., Arcata

Karaoke with DJ Marv 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Rude Lion Sound 9:30 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ DANCE

Blues Night 8 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

❖ MUSIC

Phish 4:30 p.m., Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata • *Live webcast performance.*

Blue Lotus Jazz 5:30 p.m., Larrupin' Café, 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad

Friday Night Music 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fieldbrook General Store, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., Fieldbrook

Jimi Jeff 9 p.m., Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake

707 9 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad

Karaoke 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Rude Lion Sound 9:30 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

DJs 10 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ FILM

Spaceballs (1987) 9 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata

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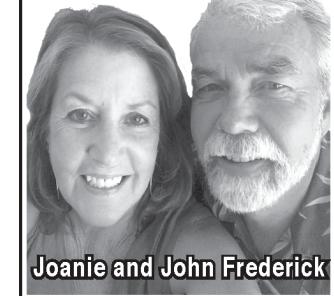
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On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

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TRINIDAD – Since its opening 15 years ago, Sunset Restaurant has treated guests to an elegant dining experience in a beautiful setting. Sunset Restaurant follows the motto, "Please join us, and allow us to give you the memorable evening you deserve." An upcoming remodel is intended to make those memories and experiences even richer.

"After 15 years we need to relook at the Sunset Restaurant and make it shine once again," said Cher-Ae Heights Casino's Marketing Manager, Mark Jacobson. "This remodel will more than accomplish that. The view speaks for itself, we just want to make the interior fit with what nature has already accomplished for us. We know many of our patrons are already excited."

The remodel is scheduled for January and February, with the grand reopening in early March coinciding with Cher-Ae Heights Casino's 27th anniversary. Though the Sunset Restaurant will be closed during the two month remodel, the Sunrise Deli will stay open serving those seeking to dine while at the casino.

Sunset Restaurant had recently added a new bar and this remodel will enhance what has already been done while adding a modern interior and innovative new menu options. The Sunset Bar, which really was the start of this project, will continue to feature specialty martinis as well as a variety of craft cocktails and innovative infusions. "The bar area really won't be affected, just the floors and wood tone," said General Manager Ron Badouin. "We really like how the bar addition went and wouldn't want that altered. Our focus is the dining area and the menu changes."

"Moving forward towards 2015 we are working on some significant changes at Cher-Ae Heights; this is an amazing chance to rebrand Sunset Restaurant and bring a new elegance to match our already breathtaking views," Jacobson said.

"We will be revamping the whole restaurant with a newer, more modern look. Our goal is to provide a classy and comfortable dining experience that complements the amazing view," said Food and Beverage Manager Kevin Ralston. "Along with the interior changes, there will be a new menu focusing more on local ingredients, featuring seafood, steak and more, prepared by a top-notch culinary staff; all offered at affordable prices. We intend to keep our menu in the \$15 to \$25 range."

"We look forward to hosting everyone from this wonderful community in our beautifully remodeled Sunset Restaurant," said Ralston.

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Memento mori,
the Romans intoned,
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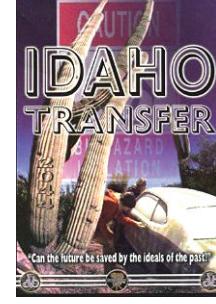
Life, love, longing,
all are fleeting.
"We cometh forth like a flower
and are cut down;
we fleeth like a shadow
and continueth not."

It is not only the center
that cannot hold.
We too fall apart,
the eternally dispersed.
Say goodbye
while you can.
Auld Lang Syne,
Old Long Since

— Paul Mann

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Science Fiction Pint and Pizza Night kicks off the new year featuring *Idaho Transfer* (1973), the adventures of a group of time-traveling teens directed by Peter Fonda. During a time of waning global resources, a crew of young researchers travel into the future to escape an apocalypse before the shutdown of their time transfer project. They find that some type of disaster has de-populated the Idaho region and, by implication, the nation or perhaps the world. Facing an unknown, barren future of abandoned towns and deserted vehicles, void of radio signals or any signs of air or land traffic, they encounter an abandoned freight train filled with bagged bodies. Their further discoveries of humanity's future fate is somewhat less than rosy. One of the group travels further into the future, encountering evidence implying humankind has recovered from the disaster — or have we? This and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways are all on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. in Arcata. Doors open at 6 p.m., main feature starts at 7:30 p.m., admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.



Barcata | Something's distilling in Arcata

❖ FROM B1

Alibi.

"We're going to have a new bar put in there, [and it's] going to be divided up where there will be an oyster bar, a coffee bar in there too," Ladd said. "[We're] hoping that's going to be the restaurant space, and this will be the bar where you can come and cuss and listen to loud music."

The design fits his idea seamlessly. The expansion is planned to have skylights and a large window facing the Plaza, allowing for far more natural light than the single-windowed Alibi currently boasts.

An outdoor patio, segmented bar, 124 person occupancy and a separate front door all support his plan.

Ladd hopes construction will be completed by October, but was tentative to venture a solid timeline on the opening.

Dead Reckoning Tavern

The windows are dusty from construction, there's no logo or name to be found from the street save an Alchemy Construction sign, but it's time to celebrate.

Dead Reckoning Tavern, located at 815 J St. in Arcata, right behind the Co-op, has passed its final building inspection. I walk in and am instantly mobbed by two knee-high dogs. A large bearded man sporting a utility kilt tells me their names are Lebowski and Zappa.

It sounds about right, considering the surroundings. Skulls reminiscent of the calaveras of Dia de los Muertos are papered over the walls, the floor is concrete, open and severe.

The man's name is Theo Brown, and along with Adam Pokorski and Matt Jackson (owners of Missing Link Records), he is set to open Arcata's first high-end beer bar.

The name, Dead Reckoning, invites dreams of pirates, bootleggers and sunken ships, which is apt because the tavern is going to be drowning in beer.

Thirty taps of seasonal and specialty brews, rotating throughout the year, are in the works as well as a fridge full of bottled craft beer and not a repeat to be found.

This is the hope of Brown, Jackson and

Pokorski.

"I love beer, especially the diversity. The first time I went to Tornado [Pub] in San Francisco, I fell in love with the idea of a beer bar," Brown said.

If the number and variety of empty bottles running along the walls is any indication, Dead Reckoning will be a kinetic and diverse bar. Brown has a special affinity for Belgian and Belgian-style beers.

No taps have gone up yet, but now that they've passed their inspection, Brown, Jackson and Pokorski are focused on getting the newest libatory locale in town up and flowing.

"We're hoping to be open around the second week in January, that's the plan," Brown said.

Liquor is quicker

Something's distilling down on South G Street in Arcata. Alchemy Construction, the benevolent booze-house builders responsible for Dead Reckoning and The Alibi's expansion, are opening their own still. The long-time pet project of Amy and Steve Bohner, owners of Alchemy, is finally coming to fruition.



MOST ORIGINAL SINGLE WORKMAN Kurt Weill. SUBMITTED PHOTO

The line forms on the right, dears, Now that Mackie's back in town!

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

CREAMERY DISTRICT — Parents and supporters of Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy (NPA) are at it again. In their second annual attempt to create an appealing fundraiser for this unique school, the group has chosen to host an evening featuring the music of German composer Kurt Weill, most famously known for "The Ballad of Mack the Knife."

The evening will include Weill's most famous composition and other selections from *The Three Penny Opera*, along with songs from *One Touch of Venus*, *Street Scene*, *Happy End*, *Lost in the Stars* and some of the composer's works written to support the American war effort in the 1940s.

Kurt Weill fled Nazi Germany for America in 1935 and became a citizen with his wife Lotte Lenya. He enjoyed a rich career on Broadway and in Hollywood collaborating with artists such as Moss Hart, Ira Gershwin, Ogden Nash, Elmer Rice, Langston Hughes, and Jay Lerner among many others until his death in 1950.

In Weill's obituary, Virgil Thomson identified Weill as "the most original single workman in the whole musical theater, internationally considered, during the last quarter century... Every work was a new model, a new shape, a new solution to dramatic problems."



JENNY SCHEINMAN Brings her unique touch to the works of Kurt Weill. MICHAEL WILSON | JENNYSCHENMAN.COM

Banding together to create this entertaining and unusual evening of performance are Gregg Moore, Tina Garsen, Virginia L. Ryder, Holly MacDonell, Jacqueline Dandeneau, Jill Petricca, Leira Satlof, Carl McGahan, Tone Haldrup Lorenzen, Nancy Correll and Annette Gurnee Hull, who are delighted to be joined by very special guest artist Jenny Scheinman.

The special event is sponsored by The Arcata Playhouse and Nature's Serving: World Food, Fast! Cocktails, champagne and desserts will be available for sale.

All proceeds benefit Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy, established in 2000. NPA was granted status as an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in 2004 and was ranked as the 12th top public high school in the United States by the *Washington Post* in 2011.

AN ABSOLUTELY WEILL EVENING

- ❖ Where: Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata
- ❖ When: Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9 and 10; 7:30 p.m., cocktails and desserts; 8 p.m. curtain
- ❖ Admission: \$20 / \$18 NPA students and Arcata Playhouse members; \$100 for a table for four with a bottle of champagne.
- ❖ Tickets: Available at the door or in advance at Wildberries Marketplace and online at Brown Paper Tickets, or by calling (707) 822-1575



SEE THINGS AS YOU WISH THEY WERE This evening, Dec. 31, Sidenote Productions presents Absynth Quintet's New Year's Eve 2015 with special guests Soulsapiens at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. in Arcata. There will be dancing and a free champaign toast at midnight. Doors open at 9 p.m. with happy hour prices on food and beverages until 10 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$15 at Wildberries, The Works and arcataplayhouse.org. If the show is not sold out, tickets are \$18 at the door; the show is 21 and over.

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Construction on the Boldt still, located at 330 South G St., began in May after a wildly successful Kickstarter campaign in March.

"We hope to be up and running in a couple months. We have the still in, now we're just working on getting it working," Amy Bohner said.

She is confident that Alchemy Construction's experience will ease the process. Their speciality being radiant heat is especially helpful, she said.

Boldt's first productions will be a gin and a "white" (or un-aged) whisky. Both are quick projects and should, hopefully, give Boldt a running start. But, according to Bohner, aged bourbons will be their true labor of love.

Unlike Alchemy's other beer-related projects, the distillery will not be open to anyone looking to whet their whistle. Alcohol service laws are strict, so Amy and Steve opted to keep the distillery closed to the public outside of sporadic tours of the business. Instead, Boldt liquors of all types and ages will be sold in stores through Humboldt Beer Distributors.

That Class-y kid helped equip K-9 cops

Ginger Campbell

SPECIAL TO THE UNION

ARCATA — This past summer, Jessiah Class raised over \$300 to assist the Arcata Police Department's K-9 teams. The 12-year-old is the son of Arcata Public Works Director Doby Class and Kim Class, executive director of Companion Animal Foundation.

Jessiah has long been a supporter of the APD (since age 3) and is especially interested in the department's two police K-9s, Zari and Bronko. Over the years, he has watched several of the K-9 demonstrations, visited the dogs at the APD and has kept track of their successes.

Jessiah decided that he wanted to assist the K-9 program by raising money and letting the public know the value of the K-9s to the department. So, with the assistance of his mother, Jessiah sold baked goods and solicited donations for the program. This past summer, he attended several festivals on the Arcata Plaza dressed in his self-assembled police uniform to raise funds.

Jessiah decided make the donation to the department's K-9 program and wanted to know what types of equipment might be needed. It was determined that the funds could be used to replace the department's well-worn



CLASS ACT Jessiah Class presented the funds he raised to Officer Greg Pope, Sgt. Ron Sligh and K-9 officer Bronko.

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20 year old training sleeve.

In mid-December, during one of the training sessions, Jessiah presented Sgt. Ron Sligh, (Zari's handler) and Officer Greg Pope (Bronko's handler) the jar full of cash to purchase the much-needed new training sleeve. The gift, and more importantly the support, is very much appreciated.

Jessiah was able to shadow Dave Witmer, the professional K-9 trainer from Witmer-Tyson Kennels, for part of the day's training.

Jessiah wants to thank everyone who gave a donation to this project and to let you know he will be back out there next summer to raise more money for other police K-9 needs.

Of great interest to Trinidadians and everyone else who loves nature

Join BLM and their partners in a celebration of the much-talked-about giant wave that hit Pilot Rock and Trinidad Head in a massive storm that blew gale winds over northern California for over two weeks in Dec. 1914 and Jan. 1915.

Meet at Trinidad Head Saturday, Jan. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the 200 foot wave that shook the Trinidad Head Lighthouse. For more information, contact BLM's Arcata Field Office at (707) 825-2313. The event will be cancelled if hazardous weather conditions are predicted.

Alison Silver's new book signing

Meet Alison Silver, young author of *Half Drowned*, book one in the Half Drowned Series, when she reads from her book on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Trinidad Library.

The book, a young adult fantasy novel, is Alison's first. Retired teacher Angela Lundeen of Westhaven illustrated the book, which can be purchased at Blake's Books in McKinleyville. Silver will also have copies of the book available for purchase at this event.

Stephenson paintings at Beachcomber Cafe

The magnolia-inspired art of Susan Mayclin Stephenson is on view at Beachcomber Cafe on Trinity Street through January. Susan just returned from a month working as a consultant for Montessori schools in Asia. In this most recent trip she visited a Korean Catholic Mission Montessori school in the slums outside the capital, Ulaanbaatar, spoke to an audience of over 500 people, and traveled far into the country to spend time with a herder family living



in a ger (Mongolian for yurt) in order to research traditional child-rearing and education practices.

Susan has traveled and worked in over 60 countries since 1963, sometimes paying her way with pencil and watercolor sketches, and often sharing these experiences by creating oil paintings upon her return to Trinidad. She has exhibited locally in the Morris Graves Museum, Redwood Art Association exhibits (where she has won Best of Show), in the Trinidad Art Gallery and at Strawberry Rock Gallery. Her work hangs in homes around the world. Susan Mayclin Stephenson's web site is susanart.net. Contact her at susanonly@earthlink.net.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust talks

There are two fine opportunities to learn about the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) projects and the Ned Simmons Gallery construction progress in January.

Past President Ben Morehead is the guest speaker at the Thursday, Jan. 8 meeting of the Trinidad Civic Club at 11 a.m. in the Club Room.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 3:45 p.m. in the Trinidad Library, he will again show photographs of public trails, conservation work, invasive species removal and tell of future plans for beach trail rehabilitation and management.

The TCLT meeting room/gallery/office is under construction behind Trinidad Library and will provide a permanent home for the trust, which manages many of Trinidad's exquisite beach access ways.

Several other fascinating trail projects are in development that will be of great interest to Trinidadians and everyone else who loves nature.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Everything from wiggly puppies to gentleman Max

The Humboldt County Animal Shelter finished out 2014 with quite a flurry of activity! Desperate pleas went out to the community as Christmas approached and the shelter was far above capacity for dogs. So many wonderful people answered our call and came in to adopt, brought donations of toys and treats, offered their homes for foster and just helped out in so many ways!

The issue of too many dogs is not one that will be going away anytime soon – everyone spay and neuter, please! – but the immediate crisis has lessened.

One thing that people can do to help in an ongoing way is to volunteer at the shelter and spend time with the dogs and cats. Statistics show that adoption rates are positively correlated to volunteer hours. This makes sense for several reasons.

More handling leads to better behavior of the animals, plus the adoptable animals gain more champions

in the volunteers, who can help spread the word about animals they have met. To volunteer, please pick up an application at the shelter or message us through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter facebook page.

One dog that you might meet at the shelter is the lovely Max. Golden boy Max is about a year and a half old and may be a Vizla mix. He is a very gentle dog that knows quite a few commands.

Max spent some time visiting various homes in Big Lagoon before arriving at the shelter. One gentleman that called me said he would have kept Max if he could. He relayed that Max is housebroken, excellent with other dogs and cats, well-behaved and

happy to stick close to his people. Max is neutered, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. He may be seen at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville or call (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals has some cute little Jack Russell/Rat Terrier cross puppies coming up for adoption! Their mama came to the shelter as one of several dogs that were abandoned when their owner died. She was already pregnant

when they arrived and one of our volunteers, who has a soft spot for Jack Russells, offered to foster her and her pups.

The puppies will be eight weeks old on Jan. 5 and are ready to start meeting their forever families. There are four females and a male in this litter. Mama is about 17 pounds. They love to play with each other and with anything else! They have been introduced to other adult dogs and did just fine. If you would like to meet these pups, email redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.



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KNOW HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME? The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) announces one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy on its Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC). The current vacancy terms are for two years. It is also seeking two student members, one middle schooler and the other a high school junior or senior. Members must be residents within the MCSD service area. The purpose of the RAC is to make recommendations to the MCSD Board of Directors regarding plans, policies, programs, and projects relating to McKinleyville's parks, facilities, open space maintenance zones and recreation activities. Interested individuals should file a letter of application that states their interests and qualifications to MCSD, attn. Jason Sehon, P.O. Box 2037, McKinleyville, CA 95519. RAC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MCSD Conference Room, 1656 Sutter Rd.; the public is welcome to attend. (707) 839-9003

Not-so-big Ben

The latest addition to Companion Animal Foundation's Second Chances for Pets program is Ben, an 8-month-old Chihuahua/Basenji mix rescued from a shelter's euthanasia list. Ben has a sweet disposition and a curious personality.

The Second Chances Program helps in situations in which the owner is able to keep their animal while a new home is sought. Email secondchanceforpets@gmail.com for details on putting an animal in the program.



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For more info and to see photos of all available animals, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook, cafanimals.org or stop by the CAF thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata.

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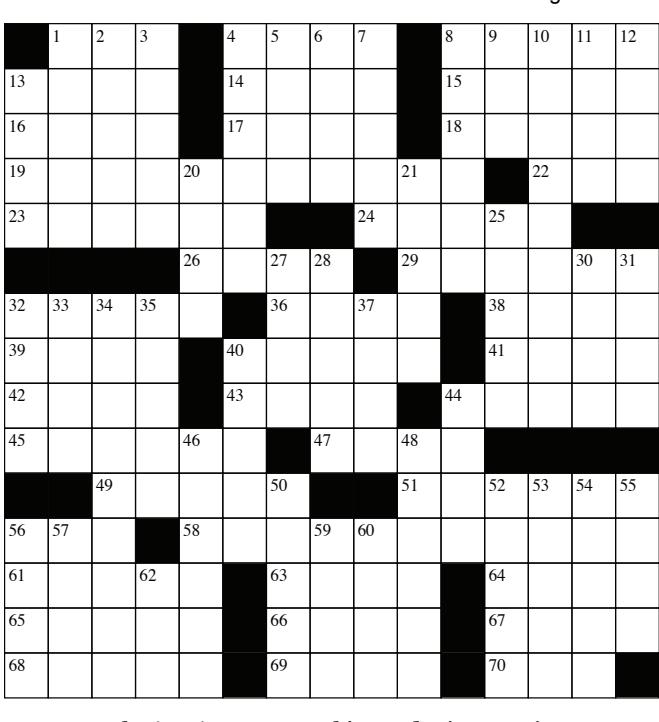
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ELF SCOUTS Girl Scouts turned into merry Christmas elves making gifts at the seventh annual Girl Scout Craft Fair held at Dow's Prairie Grange. Over 75 Girl Scouts stayed busy making nine different projects to give to their families and creating over 180 cards for the Senior Resource Center. Most of the projects employed reused materials in creative ways to honor the Girl Scout Law to "Use Resources Wisely." Once a girl finished her cards for seniors, she got to frost a tasty treat for herself. These and many more Girl Scouts will be gathering in January for their annual Cookie College and Rally to prepare for the sale of their famous cookies beginning Feb. 5.

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JUST BREATHE Carl Willoughby, Mad River Community Hospital Respiratory Therapist, recently took part in the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) International Congress in Las Vegas. Willoughby presented two lectures on Pulmonary Rehabilitation: one on "Outcomes, Marketing, and Community" and the other on "Case Studies in Pulmonary Rehabilitation." Willoughby was also honored by his peers to be elected a Fellow of the AARC.

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**Births**

Mad River Community Hospital announces these recent arrivals to our community

Jensen, Kenna Briann, Dec. 8, 2014, to Nrandi and Kyle Jensen

McCloud, Andrew Michael Lewis, Dec. 12, 2014, to M'lissa and Seth McCloud
Cordova, Cinnamon Manolala, Dec. 13, 2014, to Amanda Barker and Erick Cordova
Donahue Jr., Quintin Duane, December 16, 2014, to Rebecca and Quintin Donahue

Humboldt County Vital Records at the Public Health Dept. announces these recent departures from our community

Deaths

Miller, Lawrence Dean, Feb. 18, 1959 – Nov. 15, 2014, of Orick

Perkins, Jim E., Aug. 10, 1936 – Nov. 19, 2014, of Westhaven

Wright, Donny Ray, April 10, 1949 – Nov. 24, 2014, of Willow Creek

Markin, Randy Dale, July 31, 1959 – Dec. 2, 2014, of Arcata

Moore Jr., Robert Eugene, Jan. 4, 1967 – Dec. 6, 2014, of Blue Lake

Martin, Christopher Charles, Feb. 22, 1978 – Dec. 6, 2014, of Arcata

Holt, James Alan, May 19, 1939 – Dec. 7, 2014, of Arcata

Richardson, Fisher Midnight, Sept. 24, 2011 – Dec. 8, 2014, of Trinidad

Clark, Margaret Ellen, Sept. 1, 1945 – Dec. 8, 2014, of Arcata

Shelton, John Henry, Jan. 21, 1946 – Dec. 9, 2014, of McKinleyville

Reininger, Helen Evelyn, Oct. 10, 1920 – Dec. 10, 2014, of Arcata

Moore, Diane Louise, Jan. 10, 1940 – Dec. 11, 2014, of Trinidad

James, Paul Dean, Sept. 10, 1946 – Dec. 11, 2014, of Hoopa

Knight, Laura Ann, March 13, 1958 – Dec. 12, 2014, of McKinleyville

Lamina, Nina Fiodorovna, Aug. 9, 1948 – Dec. 15, 2014, of Arcata

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S/TIMOTHY E. ROSS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on December 3, 2014

C. CRNICH

A. ABRAM DEPUTY

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14-00654

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14-00681

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14-00694

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TAMING MOONSTONE'S ROPE MONSTER, PART 2



TANGLED BEAST Last week we showed you what looked like a massive fishing net washed ashore on Moonstone Beach. But the unruly morass turned out to be a huge tangle of rope and netting wrapped around a log. The PacOut Green Team then descended, dismantling the gigantic knot and carting it off for proper disposal. Right, Aaron Ostrom, Tim Haywood, John Piper and Marna Powell celebrate the conquering of the clottage. Far right, Bonnie Pizarro hauls away a clump. PacOut Green Team is a group of outdoorsfolk dedicated to keeping the places where we play free of litter and debris. They gather every Saturday at different locations around the county to remove litter. Find them on Facebook. PHOTOS COURTESY AARON OSTROM | PACOUT GREEN TEAM

HAPPY NEW MARSH Welcome in the New Year with a nature ramble through the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet leaders Jane and Richard Wilson on Thursday, Jan. 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This two-hour rain-or-shine walk is sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM). For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

TOUR THE LANPHERE DUNES Join Friends of the Dunes Naturalist Barbara Reisman on a guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata, to carpool to the protected site. Space is limited; reserve your spot by contacting Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Milt Boyd at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

HEADLAMPS & HIPBOOTS Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh for a special "Headlamps & Hipboots" Tour on Saturday, Jan. 3. Meet leader David Couch at 5:45 p.m. on the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center porch as he leads a minus tide walk in Butcher's Slough. Participants will examine an artificial reef and see what creatures have colonized it. It will be dark, cold, slippery and muddy. Appropriate dress is described in the tour title. Those not wishing to or not prepared to walk in the slough can watch from the bridge and view captured invertebrates in buckets. (707) 826-2359

GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING XMAS TREES McKinleyville Girl Scout Troop 70181 will be picking up Christmas trees to recycle in the new year for donations. Trees must be free of all tinsel and decorations. Pickups begin Friday, Jan. 2 and run through Sunday, Jan. 4. To have your tree composted, call Cheryl at (707) 839-3714. Like its sister Troop 70536, that picked up trees the past three years, these Girl Scouts are now raising money for their trip to England to visit the World Girl Guide and Girl Scout Center at Pax Lodge among other famous sights. Troop 70536 made a three-week trip to England and Wales in the summer of 2013 thanks to their efforts and the support of the Humboldt community.

Annual hike or paddle and picnic at Humboldt Lagoons on New Year's Day

TRINIDAD – California Department of Parks and Recreation, Patrick's Point Sector sponsors a free, guided hike or paddle in Humboldt Lagoons State Park on New Year's Day as part of America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative in all 50 states.

Join California State Parks to celebrate the New Year with First Day Hikes across the state. Last year, Humboldt Lagoons State Park made history by offering the nation's very first paddle option for this annual event.

Rejuvenate by taking a family-friendly trek through a local state park close to home. Be ready to launch or hike at 11 a.m.

Paddle: Meet at the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center at 115336 Highway 101, Trinidad with your kayak, stand-up-paddleboard or canoe and gear. Rent a sit-on-top kayak from Kayak Zak's at half price for this event. Wetsuits and gear will be available at regular prices. Call in advance for rental reservations. All participants must wear properly fitted life jackets. This guided paddling trip will head to the sand spit for a short break before heading to Ryan's Cove to meet up with the hiking party for

lunch and celebrate last summer's reopening of the campground. This paddle is approximately four miles round-trip. Wear clothing and shoes that can get wet. All ages are encouraged. **Difficulty:** Easy.

Hike: Meet at the Dry Lagoon Parking Lot at 11 a.m. This guided interpretative walk will begin along the beach and then head inland following the trail around the back of Sharp Point to Stone Lagoon. Hikers will meet up with the paddling party for lunch and to celebrate the reopening of Ryan's Cove Campground before heading back to Dry Lagoon. This hike is approximately five miles round-trip and includes some gradient. Wear comfortable hiking shoes. The trail may be damp. **Difficulty:** Moderate.

Heavy wind or rain will cancel.

All participants should bring layered clothing, lunch and drinking water. All participants are eligible to win one of 10 new life jackets in a free raffle drawing.

For hike/paddle event information, contact (707) 845-6171 keven.harder@parks.ca.gov. For kayak or gear rentals, contact Kayak Zak's at (707) 498-1130, info@kayakzak.com.

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